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Title: OPTICAL NODE DEVICE, NETWORK CONTROL

DEVICE, MAINTENANCE-STAFF DEVICE, OPTICAL NETWORK, AND 3R RELAY IMPLEMENTATION NODE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed <u>February 18, 2009</u>, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.